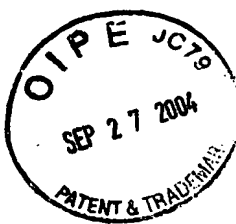


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Serial No. : 09/807,468
Filed : April 11, 2001
For : HIGH STRENGTH ALPHA + BETA TYPE TITANIUM ALLOY
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for a three (3) month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed March 25, 2004 for which a three (3) month response period expiring on June 25, 2004 was set. The extended period expires effectively on September 27, 2004.

Please charge the extension fee of Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$950.00) for a three (3) month extension of time to Deposit Account 11-0600. If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account 11-0600. A copy of this Petition is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

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